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SUBJ: EXPORT RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS

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1. GCOB MAINTAINS EXPORT CONTROLS ONLY ON CERTAIN FISH, MOLLUSCS AND MINERALS. FOR THE MOST PART THESE CONTROLS HAVE BEEN INSTITUTED IN ORDER TO PROTECT NATURAL RESOURCES AND DOMESTIC SUPPLY. FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS RESPOND TO QUESTIONS POSED IN REFTEL.

2. FISH AND MOLLUSCS:

A. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

BLACKFIN (LUTJANUS BUCCANELLA)

SILK (LUTJANUS VIVANUS)

BLACK (APSILUS DENTATUS)

VERMILLION (RHOMBOPLITES AUTORUBENS)

BIGEYE (PRISTIPOMOIDES MACROPHthalmus)

QUEEN (ETELIS OCULATUS)

LANE SNAPPER (LUTJANUS SYNAGRIS)

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PASSING JACK OR BARJACK (CARANX RUBER)
SPINY LOBSTER OR CRAWFISH (PANULIRUS ARGUS)
CONCH

B. NATURE OF CONTROL MEASURES:

- (1) EXPORT LICENSES ARE REQUIRED FOR EXPORT OF FISH LISTED ABOVE. CONCH CANNOT BE EXPORTED.
- (2) EXPORT FEES ARE CHARGED ONLY ON CRAWFISH AT RATE OF THREE CENTS PER POUND FOR TAILS WHICH IS EQUIVALENT TO ONE CENT PER POUND FOR A WHOLE CRAWFISH.
- (3) EXPORT QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS EXIST FOR CRAWFISH OUT OF SEASON (SEASON AUGUST 1 - MARCH 31) WHEN AN ADDITIONAL PERMIT IS REQUIRED TO EXPORT.

C. DATE OF INTRODUCTION: SCALEFISH WERE FIRST EXPORTED FROM THE BAHAMAS IN 1974 AND EXPORT REGULATIONS DATE FROM THAT TIME. REGULATIONS ON CRAWFISH HAVE BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR OVER TEN YEARS.

D. DURATION OF CONTROLS: POTENTIAL DURATION OF CONTROLS IS NOT KNOWN. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT NEW REGULATIONS AND CONTROLS CONCERNING THE CRAWFISH WILL BE DEVELOPED, PROBABLY BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR, FOLLOWING GCOB LEGISLATION DECLARING SPINY LOBSTER AS CREATURE OF CONTINENTAL SHELF.

E. REASONS FBR CONTROLS: PRESENT CONTROLS WERE INSTITUTED TO MAINTAIN DOMESTIC SUPPLY. POTENTIAL REGULATIONS CONCERNING CRAWFISH WILL BE MORE FAR-REACHING IN SCOPE AND PURPOSE AND WILL BE DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE INDUSTRIAL PROCESSING IN THE BAHAMAS, PROTECT NATURAL RESOURCE AND INCREASE EXPORT EARNING.

F. EFFECT ON TRADE: CURRENT REGULATIONS DO NOT CAUSE DISTORTION OF TRADE NOR ADVERSE AFFECT ON US TRADE. ADVERSE AFFECT ON US FISHING INDUSTRY OF POTENTIAL REGULATIONS ON CRAWFISH IS MATTER OF CONCERN CURRENTLY UNDER STUDY IN WASHINGTON.

3. MINERALS:

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A. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION: CALCIUM DEPOSITS, ARAGONITE, CRUDE OIL EXPLORATION.

B. NATURE OF CONTROL MEASURES:

- (1) EXPORT LICENSE AS SUCH ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR CALCIUM DEPOSIT AND ARAGONITE, HOWEVER, THE MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT HAS ISSUED TO MCCONNOR OCEAN INDUSTRIES A LEASE FOR THE EXCLUSIVE

EXPORT OF ARAGONITE AND CALCIUM DEPOSITS.

(2) LICENSES ARE REQUIRED FOR OIL EXPLORATION BUT THERE IS CURRENTLY A MORATORIUM ON NEW LICENSES. CHEVRON OIL HOLDS THE ONLY EXPLORATION LICENSE NOW IN EXISTENCE. THE LICENSE COULD BE CONVERTED TO A LEASE IF OIL WERE DISCOVERED.

C. DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

(1) MCCONNOR OCEAN INDUSTRIES' LEASE DATES FROM NOVEMBER 1, 1965.

(2) CHEVRON'S EXPLORATION'S LICENSE WAS ISSUED JULY 21, 1956.

D. DURATION:

(1) MCCONNOR OCEAN INDUSTRIES' LEASE IS RENEWABLE FOR A FIVE YEAR PERIOD FROM NOVEMBER 1, 1975 AND WOULD THEN BE RENEWABLE FOR AN ADDITIONAL FIVE YEAR PERIOD, TWENTY YEAR PERIOD AND FIFTY YEAR PERIOD.

(2) CHEVRON'S LICENSE IS RENEWABLE ANNUALLY.

E. REASONS FOR INTRODUCTION OF EXPORT CONTROL MEASURES:

(1) EXPORT LICENSES FOR CALCIUM AND ARAGONITE WERE REQUIRED BECAUSE OF GCOB'S GOAL OF STIMULATING PRIMARY INDUSTRIES USING LOCAL RAW MATERIALS;

(2) OIL EXPLORATION LICENSES ARE REQUIRED TO PROTECT POTENTIAL NATIONAL RESOURCES:

F. EFFECT ON TRADE: THESE CONTROLS DO NOT DISTORT INTERNATIONAL TRADE NOR CAUSE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON US TRADE.

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